

## HELLO AGAIN

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**A PERSONAL NOTE:** If anyone wants information in HA, please email me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else...Hello Again is being mailed early so updates of the FOTR convention will arrive in plenty of time.

**SECOND REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY:** Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The 2001 "2nd, Revised Ultimate History" is now available. The cost is \$47 plus \$4 for new buyers and \$37 plus \$4 for those that bought the 1996 version and all 4 supplements (Orange Cover).

**CONVENTION 2002:** Dates are Oct 24 - 27, 2002 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Invitations went out to an all-star cast. Our web site will keep you up to date.

**CONVENTION 2001:** 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each plus \$.34 postage. FOTR microphone key chains which we gave out in 2000 to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Convention Booklets are \$2.50 each including P&H.

Video and Audio cassettes of the 26th Annual FOTR Convention (2001) are available from AVPRO (Don Aston). Price of 3 videos and 5 audio cassettes is \$65. Individual videos are \$20 each and the 5 audio cassettes package is \$20. Individual cassettes are separately priced at \$20 each. Prices include shipping.

Don Aston, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-332-8776) FAX 909-244-0022  
<aston@linkline.com>

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, email me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have email, please send me a SASE for it... **Tradition**, July Aug; article about Jimmie Rodgers...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Aug; Articles about Cliff Thorsness; Lillian Randolph; Vintage Radio and young people...**The Jot 'em Down Journal**, Aug; more about Lum and Abner...**OTR Digest**, Summer; articles about Dave Warren; Molly McGee; My Little Margie...**Return With Us Now**, Aug; article about Virginia Gregg...**Nostalgia Digest**, Oct - Nov; articles about The Cinnamon Bear; Pat Novak for Hire; Gordon MacRae; Bishop Fulton Sheen; Chicago Musical Radio; Quiet Please

**BOOKS:** (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571..**The Sound of Detection: Ellery Queen's Adventures on Radio** by Francis Nevins and Martin Grams, Jr; 2002; OTR Publishing, Box 252, Churchville, MD 21028; \$24.95. Everything you wanted to know about Ellery Queen; bios, logs, much else...**The Bickersons Scripts** by Philip Rapp; edited by **Ben Ohmart**; 12 scripts are presented; If you laughed at the Bickersons on tape, you will laugh as you read them. Cost is \$18.95 plus P&H. Send to Ben Ohmart, Box 750, Boalsburg, PA 16827 or email

Ben at <ben@musicdish.com>...**Bob Burnham's second supplement to A Technical Guide to Old-time Radio, Recording & Audio Production** will become available in October.

The book itself is a completely updated collection of columns and information about how to collect old-time radio shows, getting the best sound and results from available equipment, how computers fit into the picture as well as commentary on the various political issues of collecting shows.

The second supplement provides a guide to a small sampling of both good and bad shows in circulation, somewhat in the spirit of what was attempted the previous book. The bottom line is simply 'which shows are good to listen to?' Further information plus an excerpt is here: <http://www.brcradio.com/techguide3a.html>

Cost of the book is still \$10 (+ \$5 s&h). After October, the price increases to \$13. Available from: BRC PRODUCTIONS, P.O. BOX 158, DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI 48127-0158...**Hans Conried** by Suzanne Gargiulo; McFarland & Co (1-800-253-2187 or 1-336-246-4460; 2002; \$39.95; Everything you wanted to know about the versatile actor

### CONVENTIONS:

**27th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention**, Oct 24 – 27 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

**SPERDVAC Convention**: Nov 1 – 3 at Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo; details when available;

**17th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention**, April 11 – 12, 2003; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333. <haradio@hotmail.com>

**THE INTERNET:** Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

**WEB SITES:** Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mngmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <ScreenSound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>...**Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org>...**Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>...**Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>... **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>>...**Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org>...**Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com>...The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>> ...**Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/douglkosmonek>>...new email is <douglkosmonek@shaw.ca>...**Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com>

**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS** (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** 711 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <Tedotr@aol.com>...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cent stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 3107, Wallingford, CT 06492 (1-800-833-4248)...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 586-1931...

**Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomas-martin2@compuserve.com>...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...**Gordon Payton (The Scifi Guy)**, 118 East Palmer Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108 <thescifiguy@juno.com>...**Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <platecap@brcradio.com> <www.brcradio.com>...**Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...**Audio Classic Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844 <audio-classic.com>...**Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net>...**Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>

**All listings below list sampling of shows.** **Great American Radio**; Big Jon and Sparkie; Honest Harold; Lux Radio Theaters...Latest catalog from **Radio Spirits**.

**NEW ADDRESSES:** **John Barber**, Box 72273, New Orleans, LA 70112

**NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES:** **Dennis Oppenheim**, 161-31 Normal Rd., Jamaica, NY 11432

**OLD FRIENDS:** Bill Anthony is still looking for two flicks on VHS. "Counsellor At Law" 1933 w/John Barrymore and the 1937 Universal serial "Jungle Jim" w/Grant Withers. If anyone has either, or both they can call me collect at 412-882-6135. I will buy or trade for them.

**IN FOND MEMORY:** **Matt Dennis**, Jun 21, 88; Big Band singer and songwriter; on radio and television...**Maurice Denham**, Jul 24, 92; British character actor; (It's That Man Again; Much Binding in the Marsh)...**Kenny Gardner**, Jul 26, 89; featured crooner with Guy Lombardo.. **Marjorie Goldwasser Wyler**, for many years the producer of "Eternal Light," a weekly radio program on Jewish themes, died July 22 in Norwalk, Conn. She was 86 and lived in Westport, Conn., and Manhattan...**Norm Jolley**, Aug 13, 86; (Space Patrol)...**Jeff Corey**, Aug 16, 88; actor and acting instructor (Philip Marlowe, Nightbeat)...**Lionel Hampton**, Aug 31, 94; vibraphone virtuoso and showman

**Hello Again** is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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# THE SOUND OF DETECTION

Ellery Queen's Adventures in Radio

by Francis M. Nevins &

Martin Grams, Jr.

Ellery Queen, perhaps as famous as any fictional detective after Sherlock Holmes, was created by cousins Frederic Dannay and Manfred Lee over lunch one day in 1929. This led to more than 40 novels, a film series, a long and convoluted run on radio, and various runs on TV. For an initial \$350 fee, Dannay and Lee would write one mystery per week, allowing both the guest armchair detective and radio listeners the opportunity to solve the mystery themselves, before the famous sleuth did.

This new publication includes a detailed account covering the lives of the creators, the how and why they moved Ellery Queen into radio, and a detailed history of the series during its long run on the airwaves (1939-48). Included in the chapters are reminiscences taken from interviews and correspondence with the creators themselves; with mystery writer and critic Anthony Boucher, who collaborated on more than 70 of the later radio adventures of the master detective; and with three of the actors who played Ellery over the years.

Includes an introduction by Larry Dobkin, who played Ellery Queen for a short time on the radio! Includes a detailed broadcast log with a chart showing various time slots, networks, sponsors, and competition. Brief biographies of cast and production crew. Capsule biographies of more than 350 personalities who appeared on the program as guest armchair detectives. A week-by-week log giving principal actors, announcer, director, composer-conductor, sponsor, script writers, plot synopsis (yes!), and much more. Appendices covering subjects like the early episodes of *The Shadow* that Dannay and Lee wrote without credit in order to learn the craft of radio writing, and other Ellery Queen incarnations on the radio.

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Francis M. Nevins is the award-winning author of "Royal Bloodline: Ellery Queen, Author and Detective (1974) and "Cornell Woolrich: First You Dream, Then You Die" (1988). Francis Nevins has written for "Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine" and "Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine." Martin Grams, Jr. is the author of numerous Old-Time Radio books including "The History of The Cavalcade of America" and "The Alfred Hitchcock Presents Companion." Both authors will be in attendance at the 27th Annual Friends of Old-Time Radio Convention in Newark, NJ on October 24 - 26, 2002. There will be a special book signing on Saturday the 26th. Those hours will be limited. If you plan to attend the convention, be sure to grab your copy and get this rare one-time opportunity to have your book personally autographed by both authors!

If you cannot attend the FOTR, and don't want to miss out on this special offer, you can pre-order your copy of the Ellery Queen book before October 20 and we'll arrange for your copy to be autographed by both authors, and shipped to you on Monday the 28th. Orders must be received by October 20, no later!

OTR PUBLISHING, Po Box 252, Churchville, Maryland 21028

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Tonight — GULF Presents  
The Adventures of

ELLERY  
QUEEN

Are you a born detective?  
Tune in and find out...



7:30  
WABC

## CONVENTION 2002: UPDATE # 2

October 24 – 27, 2002

### General Information

All information about Seating, Ads, Registration, Rooms are on the first update that came with the flyer. Also, don't forget to let me know what you are eating for Thursday and please preregister. If you do not let me know what food you want on Thursday, you will get London Broil. Those coming for the day on Friday and Saturday will save \$5 a day by preregistering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to stand in line and fill out a registration card if you preregister. Don't forget the package prices. ...Remember: Those people paying for the day must pay an extra \$10 if they want to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres. The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only.

If you wish to stay for the re-creations at night and you do not stay for dinner, the cost is \$15.

### Guest Changes

New Guests: Soupy Sales

Returnees: Ruth Last

Not coming: Harry Bartell, Richard Herd

### Dealers

There are a few tables left. The First Supplement to my Second Revised Ultimate History will be for sale. Also an update to my Necrology will be available.

### Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 9th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know. If your people need rides, make sure Bill Nadel knows what time they have to be at the convention. He should be called by October 1st (212) 724-0763.

### Raffle

There will be a raffle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to donate prizes, please let me know. We depend on the money received from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table to help pay for the many guests we have at our convention. We also will have tote bags and mugs for sale.

### Books

Books on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, they are marked by an asterisk (\*): Some authors will have their own tables; The Great Radio Audience Participation Shows by Jim Cox\*; Radio Network Prime Time Programming by Martin Shapiro; Say Goodnight, Gracie by Jim Cox\*; Hans Conried by Suzanne Gargiulo\*...Back Beats and Rim Shots, The Johnny Blowers Story by Warren Vache; (Johnny Blowers will be there)...The Over 60 Trivia Book by Bill Owen\*...Robert Clary, Martin Grams, Jr., Howard Blue, Hal Stone and Ben Ohmart will be selling their own books.

### Hotel

Don't forget to reserve your rooms quickly. They may very soon be all sold out. Call the Holiday Inn-North directly during business hours for reservations (1-973-589-1000) and ask for Isabel. Also call the 800 numbers for Howard Johnson and the Sheraton for the best prices.

A tentative schedule Follows (As of September 10th)

**Wednesday:** Dealers tables and possibly sound equipment set up at night  
Complimentary Wine and cheese from 6 pm to 10 pm.

**Thursday:** The sound equipment and the stage will be set up. Dealers will be open at 9 am.

12:00 – 12:45	Live and in person, Archie from Duffy's Tavern. Interviewed by Randy Larson with special guest stars.
1:00 – 1:45	Collecting, Tape recording and Mini discs (Fred Berney and John Gallagher)
2:00 – 2:45	Howard Blue discusses his book about radio and World War II; with Cliff Carpenter
3:15 – 4:15	Tribute to Dave Warren (G Yoggy, D Tague, S Hiss)
4:30 – 5:30	The Spider (T Powers)
5:30 – 8:00	Cocktails and Dinner; raffle
8:00 – 8:45	Original re-creation by Becky Beach and John Bell (War of the Worlds); Directed by Arthur Anderson (Rehearsal 4 - 5:30 pm; reading 2:45 - 3:45 pm)
9:00 – 9:45	Those Were the Days Radio Players present "Hall of Fantasy" (Rehearsal 1 – 2:30)
10:00 – 10:45	Variety show by fans (D Zwengler) (Rehearsal 2:30 – 4:00)

### Friday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 – 9:45	Quiz Show (Dave Zwengler)
10:00 – 10:45	OTR Today with Dick Brescia and David West
11:00 – 12:00	One on One with Beverly Garland (M Weisberg)
12:15 - 1:00	AFRS (Gary Yoggy, Ed Clute, Phyllis Creore)
1:15 - 2:15	Panel - Have Gun will Travel ( A Tollin, M Grams)
2:30 – 3:15	Jack Benny Panel (A Tollin with Beverly Washburn, Johnny Blowers)
3:30 – 4:30	Child Stars ( R Sapphire) with many of your child stars
4:45 – 5:30	(Re-creation) Gotham Radio Players present Light's Out episode of "Chicken Heart;" produced and directed by Max Schmid and Steve Lewis; (Rehearsal 3:00 – 4:30)

### Friday Evening

5:30 – 7:45	Cocktails and Dinner, raffle
8:00 – 8:45	(Re-creation) <b>Voyage of the Scarlet Queen</b> ; Dir. by Jack French) (Rehearsal 1:30 – 3:00; Reading 12:15 – 1:15)
9:00 – 9:30	<b>The Bickersons with Rosemary Rice and Bob Hastings</b>
9:45 – 10:30	(Re-creation) <b>Lawyer Tucker</b> (Dir - A Anderson) (Rehearsal 12:00 – 1:30; Reading 10:45 – 11:45)

### Saturday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 – 9:45	Blindness and Radio ( Derek Tague, Lora Palmer, Mike Mandel, Ed Clute, Ken Meyer, others)
10:00 – 10:45	One on One with Hal Stone and Bob Hastings (M Weisberg)
11:00 – 11:45	20 Questions (Bob Van Deventer)
12:00 – 12:45	Re-creation "It's Boys, Is It" by Isobel Clowes (Living Audio Rep. Co.) (Rehearsal 10:15 – 11:45)
(Reading 9 - 10 am)	
1:00 – 1:45	Hedda Hopper (Robert Furry and Jack French)
2:00 -- 2:45	Ellery Queen (B Nadel, M Grams, Francis Nevins, Bill Owen)
3:00 - 4:30	Singers, musicians and Big Bands, Part 4 (Stu Weiss and Michael Henry) with guests so far; Bea Wain; Robert Clary, Gogi Grant, Johnny Blowers, Ann DeMarco, Bill Hayes, Paul Petersen
4:45 – 5:30	Re-creation: <b>Suspense</b> (Sorry, Wrong Number with Beverly Washburn) (Dir. by John Gallagher)
	(Rehearsal 3:30 – 4:45; Reading 2:00 – 3:00 pm )

### Saturday Evening

5:30 – 8:00	Cocktails and Dinner, raffle, awards, Tribute to Dave Warren
8:15 – 9:00	(Re-creation) <b>Nero Wolfe</b> with Bob and Don Hastings (dir. by Gary Yoggy) (Rehearsal 1 - 2:15; Reading 11:45 - 12:45)
9:15 – 9:35	
9:45 – 10:30	(Re-creation) <b>Have Gun, Will Travel</b> (dir by Anthony Tollin) (Rehearsal 2:15 – 3:30; Reading 1:00 – 2:00)

### Sunday Morning

7:00 - 9:30	Breakfast in the restaurant
9:30 – 11:00	Informal Panel in the Dresden Room